Training of sportspersons for Olympic and Asian Games

3031. SHRIDARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRSAND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been taken by the Sports Authority of India for coaching/training of the sportspersons for the coming Olympic and Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Sports Authority of India has focused on certain specific games;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the facilities being provided for imparting training to the sportspersons for Olympic and Asian Games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events, including the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympics is an ongoing process which takes into account inputs provided by National Sports Federations. A systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in major international events by drawing up Long term Development Programmes (LTDP) and putting into action four year roll-on plans with reference to various important international events, under which, *inter alia,* talented sportspersons, selected on the basis of their performance, are put through scientifically designed continuous training programmes.

(c) and (d) The Sports Authority India (SAI) facilities training for medals prospects in identified sports disciplines/games as per the Long Term Development Programme, and also makes available its infrastructure for coaching camps and for competitions.

(e) Under the scheme of assistance to National Sports Federations, the Ministry provides financial assistance to recognized National **Sports** Federations for coaching of sportspersons/teams under Indian and foreign coaches; training-cum-participation of Indian teams abroad; holding of international tournaments in India, holding of national championship in India;

and for providing requisite technical and scientific back up. Apart from this, the Ministry also provides financial assistance of upto Rs. 5.00 lakh each to national champions and medal winners of Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth/ Afro-Asian Games and World Championships for the purchase of equipment, scientific support and training & participation in sports events in India and abroad, under the scheme for Talent Search and Training.

The Ministry also provides financial assistance to eminent sportspersons and medalists of Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games for training abroad from the National Sports Development Fund.

Commonwealth games viliage and other venues

3032. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure amount to be spent on Commonwealth Games village and other venues;

(b) the approximate amount to be funded by the Central Government for the above purpose;

(c) the details of the works to be undertaken; and

(d) the approximate date of completion of the works of the Commonwealth Village and other venues?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) and (b) As per the proposals received from the various agencies concerned with the construction/development of venues and training infrastructure *viz.,* Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi DevelopmentAuthority (DDA) and All India Tennis Association (AITA); upgradation of civic infrastructure, including transportation, etc. which is to be done by the Government of NCT of Delhi; the actual conduct of the Games by the Organising Committee, and preliminary estimates for the preparation of the teams for the Games, the estimated expenditure would be around Rs. 3,750.00 crores. This doeshot include security related expenditure, which is being dealt separately by Ministry of Home Affairs. Out of the above